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Hongkong, December 24, 1907. 2028

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NOTICE

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Company will be held on MONDAY,
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By Order,
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Hongkong, December 21, 1907. 2019

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Hongkong, December 27, 1907. 2044

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NOTICE

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REFERRING to the Company's notice
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that from the 1st JANUARY, 1908, the
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revision after Three Months, be collected at
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H. BULOW FRIKKE,
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Hongkong, 20th December, 1907. 2037

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Hongkong, April 2, 1907. 178

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Hongkong, March 2, 1906

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name of "Prince." Dog was wearing a
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PHREYS, care of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, December 27, 1907. 2038

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notifica-
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the 1st and 2nd January respectively.

Hongkong, December 23, 1907. 2024

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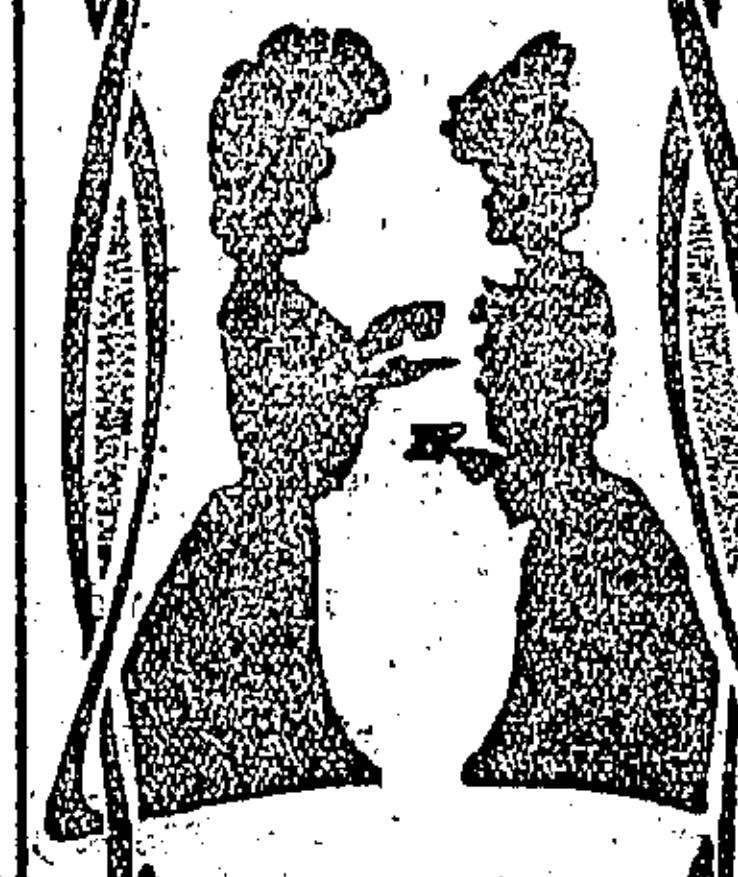
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London November 25th.—On Saturday,
700 Portuguese officers tried to organise a
demonstration at Lisbon in favour of King
Carlos. There were, however, so many
officers prepared to assist in a counter
demonstration that the Police prohibited
both displays. The Premier, Senhor
Franco, denies that the Crown Prince has
been banished to Villa Vicosa, in the east
of Portugal, close to the Spanish frontier.
The attempt of the Premier to govern the
country without a Parliament is creating a
highly critical situation. The loyalty of
the army and navy has been questioned and
many newspapers have been suspended.
While the political crisis in Portugal is
admitted, authoritative denials are given
to the allegations that civil war is impending.
The stories of widespread disorder
are attributed to a deliberate campaign of
falsehood against the Royal house.

REVOLT AT LAGOS.

London, Nov. 27.—Serious trouble with
the natives has occurred at Abakaliki,
Lagos, in Southern Nigeria, a British
possession on the West Coast of Africa.
During the fighting in connection with the
rising a British officer was killed and 30
native soldiers killed and wounded. The
outbreak was caused by the compulsory
employment of natives on roadmaking.
Twenty thousand excited natives met at
Lagos and protested against the Govern-
ment expropriating private dwellings for
the purpose of erecting official buildings.
They decided to appeal to Lord Elgin,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

MILITARY TRAINING FOR BOYS.

London, November 25.—Major General
Baden-Powell, in the course of a lecture
at Scarborough expounded a scheme for
the voluntary military training of 1,750,000
boys in the United Kingdom. The laws
were, the lecturer stated, now drafting, and
many of them were going to be bad.

BEDFORDSHIRE BIGAMY CASE.

LONDON, November 26.
The Court of appeal has upheld the late
Mr Justice Kekewich's decision, in the
Chancery Division of the High Court of
Justice, allowing Mrs Dorothy Josephine
Jelland to retain the income from the
£180,000 worth of property left to her by
the late James Poole Wagstaff, to whom
she had been bigamously married. The
testators' relations had opposed Mrs Jell-
and's claim to the property.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL PANIC.

November 25.
Lieut. Crawford, secretary to Admiral
Dewey of the United States Navy, com-
mitted suicide yesterday by drowning him-
self in the Potomac River, owing to losses
incurred through the banking crisis.
A woman named Smith, who lost £400,000
in the crisis, shot her husband and herself
after setting fire to her house, the rooms
of which she had previously saturated with
kerosene.
Both Mrs Smith and her husband were
found dead in the house.
Owing to Mr Pierpont Morgan's opposi-
tion, President Roosevelt has decided not
to accept a suggestion from Western Con-
gressmen for the establishment of a Federal
bank of issue.

November 26th.—During the trial of
John B. Walsh, founder and president of
the Chicago National Bank, evidence was
given to the effect that the bank's assets
included £1,000,000 in notes bearing the
forged signatures of men of good standing.
The latter testified that they had not
signed the notes, and that they had been
unaware of their existence.

The prosecuting attorney charges Walsh
with having forged the signatures to the
notes in order to obtain funds for specu-
lation.
Baron Le Tullier paid £12,000 in Custom
duty on a collection of paintings that
afterwards, owing to the financial crisis,
brought at public auction in New York
only £2,000. Works by some eminent
painters were sold at £1 each.

November 27th. The "New York
Tribune" estimates that 18 suicides that
occurred recently in America are traceable
to financial panic.
J. R. Maxwell, ex-president of the
Borough Park at Brooklyn, committed
suicide yesterday on hearing that his cash-
ier had turned informer against him.
John Jenkins, president of the Jenkins
Trust, of Brooklyn, which recently sus-
pended payment, has been arrested on a charge
of forgery. His brothers, Frank Jenkins
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been indicted.

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Bedford	cruiser, 1st class	9700	—	—	Capt. E. S. Erskine	Singapore
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Britomart	river gunboat	710	2	800	Lieut.-Comdr. Bamber	Hongkong
Cadmus	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. B. L. Majendie	Shanghai
Cherub	water tank and tug	390	—	370		Hongkong
Olio	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. G. D. S. Balkeis	Hongkong
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	390	6	5700	Lieut.-Comdr. Gresson	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4350	10	7000	Capt. R. Nugent	Singapore
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	375	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Darwell	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	375	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. Dickens	Hongkong
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	3900	Lieut.-Comdr. Freemantle	Hongkong
Kath	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,000	Capt. De Horsey	Hongkong
King Alfred	cruiser, 1st class	14,000	14	30,000	Capt. Ogdil F. Thursby, R.N.	Hongkong
Kinsha	river gunboat	616	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. Osbretre	Yangtze
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Nightingale	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Comr. Ray	Yangtze
Obispo	torpedo boat destroyer	390	6	5300	Lieut.-Comdr. J. Kiddie	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. O. C. Walcott	West River
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nips	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Teunynson	Yangtze
Tiku	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6500	Lt.-Comdr. D. Strath	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4600	6	—	Commodore Stokes	Hongkong
Traal	river gunboat	180	2	890	Lt.-Comdr. Godfrey	Yangtze
Thistle	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. West	Shanghai
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6310	Lieut.-Comdr. Stevenson	Hongkong
Waterbush	surveying ship	920	—	450	Comdr. B. W. Glanville	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	390	6	5990	Lieut.-Comr. Cox	Hongkong
Widgeon	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Spicer-Simon	Upper Yangtze
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lieut.-Comr. Todd	Upper Yangtze
Woodcock	river gunboat	160	2	500	Lieut.-Comr. Jno. F. Knox	Upper Yangtze

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Kaiser Franz Joseph I Leopard	Austro-Hungarian cruiser Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4309 1630	— —	25 9000	Capt. Wilhelm Paetzer Capt. Mildenberg	Hongkong Amoy
Andron	French armoured cruiser	1796	10	1700	Lieut. Faure	Halphong
Adour	French recovring-ship	—	—	—	Lieut. Morle	Halphong
Alger	French cruiser	3000	—	—	Capt. Fournier	Shanghai
Alouette	French torpedo-boat	123	—	500	Commander Monthuel	Cape St. James
Amir	French gunboat	180	—	150	Lieut. Andouard	Canton
Armand	French cruiser	4210	—	1000	Comdr. Rochas	Bate d'Amoy
Armand	French gunboat	645	10	1000	Lieut. Hug	Shanghai
Armand	French gunboat	11,242	—	—	Lieut. Le Blanc	Salgon
Armand	French cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. Trapon	Salgon
Armand	French sub-marine	350	7	903	Lieut. Coquelin	Salgon
Armand	French destroyer	—	—	—	Lieut. Thury	Salgon
Armand	French gunboat	200	6	308	Lieut. Porter	Salgon
Armand	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Lieut. Corlous	Halphong
Armand	French cruiser	—	—	—	Commander Simon	Salgon
Armand	French sub-marine	307	6	300	Lieut. Armand	Salgon
Armand	French destroyer	—	—	—	Lieut. du Chemin	Salgon
Armand	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Grallier	Chungking
Armand	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Eavlester	Tongku
Armand	French torpedo-boat	350	7	300	Lieut. du Rolsch Werth	Hongkong
Armand	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Glorion	Salgon
Armand	French battleship	8437	8	6071	Reserve	Salgon
Armand	French gunboat	1798	10	1700	Capt. Dupries	Salgon
Armand	French gunboat	250	6	—	Capt. Torgem	Yantze
Armand	French destroyer	8150	21	4560	Lieut. Devarenne	Salgon
Armand	French battleship (reserve)	123	7	600	—	Hongkong
Armand	French gunboat	10,690	36	14,000	Captain Wurmbsch	Canton
Armand	German flag-ship	930	10	1300	Comdr. von Posadowsky-Wehner	Shanghai
Armand	German gunboat	930	10	1300	Comdr. Engel	Yingtau
Armand	German gunboat	900	10	1344	Comdr. Balken	Shanghai
Armand	German cruiser	2030	—	—	Capt. Langemak	Hongkong
Armand	German gunboat	400	—	—	Lieut. Jakobi	Yingtau
Armand	German torpedo-boat	280	—	—	Lieut. Hassa	Yingtau
Armand	German torpedo-boat	260	10	1800	Comdr. von Koss	Hongkong
Armand	German gunboat	223	8	1500	Capt. Lieut. Forisch	Canton River
Armand	German river gunboat	223	8	500	Capt. Lieut. Tonsaint	Yantze River
Armand	German river gunboat	223	8	500	Lieut. Richers	Yantze River
Armand	German river gunboat	2145	—	—	Baron de Saint Pierre	Shanghai
Armand	Italian cruiser	720	—	—	Captain Pedrosa	Macao
Armand	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
Armand	U. S. gunboat	420	7	8000	Ensign A. K. Shoup	Philippines
Armand	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. Woodward	Japan
Armand	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. Irwin	Manila
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Armand	U. S. gunboat	3100	25	5400	Capt. Jas. Helm	Shanghai
Armand	U. S. gunboat	1397	8	1800	—	Shanghai
Armand	U. S. battleship	13,500	—	—	Capt. T. O. McClean	Manila
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Armand	U. S. monitor	399	4	3000	—	Manila
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Armand	U. S. gunboat	201	3	250	Ensign A. B. Reed	Carive
Armand	U. S. gunboat	690	—	—	Comdr. Stoddard	Manila
Armand	U. S. gunboat	4000	14	—	Lieut. O. R. Train	Manila
Armand	U. S. cruiser	3213	19	7600	Comdr. Fieser	Manila
Armand	U. S. cruiser	13,500	—	—	Capt. F. F. Fletcher	Manila
Armand	U. S. cruiser	347	3	500	Capt. Milton	Hankow
Armand	U. S. flag-ship	18,500	—	—	Lieut. F. L. Pinney	Canton
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DEATH.

ROZARIO.—At his residence, No. 51, Elgin Street, after a short illness, LINDA ROZARIO, aged 31. Deeply regretted.—The funeral will leave the house at 4.30 this afternoon. Shanghai papers please copy.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Amusements.

8 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, January 1.—Goods per Cornwallshire undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, January 2.—Goods per Cornwallshire undelivered after this date subject to rent. Goods per Arcadia not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1907.

AMERICA'S THREATENED INDUSTRIAL CRISIS.

On top of its recent financial crisis America is threatened with what is much worse—an industrial crisis. The financial crisis caused necessarily a large amount of inconvenience, and even distress, but it has been generally recognized, at all events in America, that this was but temporary. The question that is being asked in industrial circles, or was being asked when the last American mail left, is whether the crisis in the financial world will react on American industries. All over the States working hours have been reduced and numbers of employees have been dismissed. We learn that the decrease in the demand for their product has led a number of Texas lumber mills to adopt a four days a week schedule, while in Massachusetts a number of large industrial plants are either shutting down for the present or running with reduced help. The railroads west of Chicago have laid off 25,000 hands engaged in construction work, maintenance of the ways, and in the mechanical departments. This, by the way, is a sufficiently complete answer to the declaration of the absurd Mr. Compers, leader of the Labour Party in America, that the workmen of America would not consent to any reduction of wages as a consequence of the financial crisis "for which they were not responsible." Responsible or not large numbers of the workmen of America have, unfortunately, been compelled to put up with not a reduction, but an entire cessation of wages. Notwithstanding all this there are those in America who hold that no great industrial crisis is threatened. They point to the immense agricultural wealth of the country, the past prosperity of manufacturing and mercantile interests and the alleged transitory character of the financial crisis, as proof that there is no cause to apprehend widespread industrial distress. While there may be some justification for this optimism it should be remembered that America is upon the eve of a Presidential campaign. Political activity usually means commercial dislocation, particularly in America. Also the tariff question promises to be prominently to the front at this election and doubt in regard to duties will have some effect in checking production. Still most of the important papers in America seem confident that there is no real ground for alarm. The Springfield "Republican" may be quoted to show the position taken up, at all events, by the Republican press. Our contemporary, in the course of a leading article on the situation, says:—"The fact meantime is to be considered that the country remains on an unquestioned gold basis; that the new gold output of the world is large and still increasing; that commodity prices are predominantly determined by the money volume; and that therefore there can not be any such radical and permanent recession of prices as would take place were the money volume of doubtful quality and contracting. The thing which knocks the life out of business enterprise and courage is continued money contraction and a persistency in commodity prices to go down and down. And this

thing we evidently shall not now see or to such an extent as was seen in 1873 or in 1893. Therefore most we conclude that the panic consequences to industry, while they may prove sharp for the time being, will not prove to be prolonged." It is sincerely to be hoped that this confidence will be justified by the event. Any serious and prolonged check to America's industrial development would react upon the rest of the world, and even here at Hongkong we would feel the effect. Consequently, apart from the natural sympathy we have with our American cousins, enlightened self-interest forces us to trust that the country will emerge from the crisis even better equipped than before to conserve and extend its great foreign trade.

The doctors, as we have mentioned before, are usually ready to show that danger, if not death, lurks in most of what we eat, drink or wear. Now they have turned their attention to playing cards. We read—Dangers, hitherto unsuspected, lurk, it appears, in the innocent looking playing card, and packs that have been used more than once, are hotbeds of deadly microbes, which deal forth colds and influenza to the luckless bridge player. This is the latest discovery of the "Lancet," the current number of which contains an article discussing a game of cards, from the hygienic point of view. Under the physically vitiated conditions of the average card party, says the writer, the vitality of the human organism is soon lowered, the bacillus is there, invades the body, and soon manifests its triumph in the sneeze, the catarrh, and the sore throat. Bridge parties are, as a rule, excellent media for the transmission of winter cold, or less serious influenzas. Packs of cards which have been circulating for weeks at bridge parties, sooner or later get soiled by constant contact with the human hand, and an appalling selection of micro-organisms. The "Lancet" proceeds to make the brilliant suggestion that washable cards should be introduced, and says that it might even be made a rule that the dummy in a game of bridge should act as card washer occasionally.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Bishop of Victoria has consented to give a New Year's address in the Theatre Royal on Sunday evening next at 9 p.m.

Rear Admiral C. Tamari, the Captains and Officers of the Japanese South China Sea Squadron are giving an "At Home" on the cruiser Naniwa, on New Year's Day, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Members of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders held their annual ball on January 10. This function is always highly successful and is one of the popular dances of the year. It should be a big success this year.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard and Lady Lugard and staff on Dec. 23 visited, in addition to the hospitals previously mentioned, the Sailors' Home, Fairlie Mission and Miss Eyre's Refuge. The Governor, attended by Capt. Mitchell Taylor, A. D. C., visited the Central Market, No. 5 Fire Brigade Station, and No. 8 Police Station.

An official dinner is to be held at Government House on January 2 when His Excellency the Governor and Lady Lugard will entertain Rear Admiral Tamari, Captain Kubota, of the cruiser Naniwa, Lieut. Commander Shikama, Flag-Lieutenant Hotta, Lt. Commander Furukawa, of the Uji, Mr. Masuko, Consul-General for Japan, Admiral Sir Arthur Moore, Mr. C. H. Rowe, R.N., Commodore and Mrs. Stokes, Commander Marboey, of H.M.S. Monmouth, Commander and Mrs. Grenfell, Commander Consett, of H.M.S. King Alfred, Rev. C. E. Thompson, General Broadwood, Capt. Bonham, A.D.C., Major Ross, Colonel and Mrs. Lambert, Miss Lord, Colonel Martin, P.M.O., Colonel and Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. d'Este, Sir Francis Pigott, Hon. Mr. Osborne, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Layton, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Slade. The Government House party consists of Sir Henry and Lady de Sausmarez, Mr. A. G. Brockhouse, Private Secretary, Capt. Mitchell Taylor, A.D.C., and Capt. W. Armstrong, Hon. A.D.C.

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NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

New Year's Day being a public holiday most of the public institutions will be closed. In addition to Wednesday the military will observe Thursday as a public holiday, and the military offices will be closed except for urgent business.

THE WEATHER.

Christmas weather having been anything but pleasant there seems a probability of that of New Year being a little more acceptable. A strong North-Easter has been blowing during the past few days and it should succeed in clearing the atmosphere of rain.

Outside in the China Sea turbulence reigns supreme. Incoming steamers report high seas and gales. The St. Lucia, from Singapore, in particular met with mountainous waves, and no doubt to-day's arrivals will all add to the record of wild conditions.

THE WEST RIVER PATROL.

The District Magistrate at Shiu Hing on the West River has received a straight hit from the Viceroy of Canton. The former has been sending telegrams to the Viceroy in which he has been asking that some steps be at once taken to put a stop to the present state of affairs, and arrange that the British gunboats and destroyers be relieved from the duty of policing the River.

The Viceroy has informed him, in as many words, that he does not understand what he is talking about, and therefore he had better let matters alone. He states further that steps are being taken by himself, the British Consul-General at Canton, and the British Minister at Peking to find some solution of the difficulty. The present tumult among the people is characterized as "empty disturbance." The Magistrate is ordered to set about suppressing this within the borders of his own jurisdiction, and leave the weightier matters to the officials, in order that they may be arranged. What will be the feelings of the people on receipt of this instruction is not made clear. There is, however, a great change in the tone of the press, some hand has been laid thereon and rather heavily too, for lately there has been quite a change in its demands. It is quite certain that the Chinese authorities have yet a hold upon the people that is irresistible, when they like to put it into operation, and at this juncture they seem to think that the people have shouted as long and as loudly as is good for their throats and lungs.

A RAILWAY SIDELIGHT.

Another squabble is going on among the workers on the Canton-Hankow railway which is leading to litigation, and to publicity in the native papers. The whole thing is suggestive of the Chinese ways of doing things.

In the sphere of the carpenters the contractor demanded that one of the sub-contractors should spend some of his time and funds in making furniture for his own mansion, and, apparently, the subordinate obeyed the orders. Afterwards for some reason the two did not see eye to eye in other matters connected with their respective work, and the subordinate was "sacked." Though angry at what he regarded as an injustice, he tried to smooth matters over, and found another sphere of labour, on the railway work, but not directly under the control of his former master.

The anger of the latter was not appeased, and again the man lost his place. Smarting under this second dismissal, and finding himself without any means of supporting his wife and family, and, as he pertinently adds, according to Chinese ideas, "not being able to find rice for my aged mother," he brought the whole question of his former relationship with his earlier master to light; the whole thing has been published in the Canton newspapers and has created more or less a storm. But to an uninterested reader the episode is suggestive of the Chinese ways of doing things; apparently, in matters great or small they cannot without difficulty go on with the work for which they are paid, without in some way seeking to add thereby to their own personal advantages.

THE LILLIPUTIANS.

The performance of "In Town" on Saturday night by the Lilliputians drew a large house and evoked the utmost enthusiasm. Encores were frequent and the Lilliputians scored numerous successes.

To-night the juveniles make their third change of programme. They stage "La Poupee," which will be presented on Tuesday and Wednesday. On next Thursday, Jan. 2nd, will be the first night of "Mother Goose," a 1908 New Year's pantomime. This pantomime was put on in Australia 12 months ago and is still running to enormous business. A masterpiece performance of the Panto will be given next Saturday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. when children and adults will be admitted at half the usual price. Seats can be booked at the Robinson Piano Co.

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BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

Comment in Japan.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Tokyo, December 30.

The Japanese Diet opened yesterday and was shortly afterwards adjourned until January 20. The speech from the Throne emphasised that the Anglo-Japanese Alliance was in a stronger position than ever.

CHINESE CONSUL TO AFRICA.

Wanted at Peking.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

Peking, December 29.

Low Yuk Lin, the Chinese Consul General to South Africa, is urgently wanted at Peking. The Waiwupu has wired to the Canton Viceroy to inform Low to proceed to the Capital with as little delay as possible.

Low returned from South Africa more than a month ago. When interviewed by a representative of this paper a fortnight ago, Low said that owing to repeated requests to return to Peking, he was unable to make a long stay in Hongkong, and that he would be going North directly, after settling some private matters in the Colony. The Consul-General, it may be mentioned, was a member of the batch of students sent over to America for education in the early fifties, among whom is the prominent Tong Shao Yi, Minister of the Waiwupu.—En., C. M.]

A LEGAL ARGUMENT.

An interesting legal argument was heard in the Supreme Court this morning as to whether Lam Tung could be sued for a sum of money (\$833.33) which Cheung Sek Chan alleged that he paid to the Kin Hing firm of Amoy for and at the request of Lam Tung.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. W. J. Daniel, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. M. W. Wade, instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, represented the defendant. Prior to the opening by Mr. Pollock, Mr. Slade took a preliminary objection to the hearing of the suit on the ground that the defendant was born within the dominion of China and that the cause of action originated outside the Colony. The defendant had not been a resident of Hongkong for six consecutive months prior to the commencement of the action, but was a native of Amoy and had visited Hongkong first at the commencement of this year. Since then defendant had returned to Amoy and visited Hongkong at different intervals.

Mr. Pollock contended that the Ordinance relied on (No. 1 of 1851) did not apply to the defendant, as he had not visited the Colony for a limited time and for the purpose of trade, both of which were conditions precedent to the protection of the subject by the Ordinance.

"LOVE IN LOTUS LAND."

The Portuguese amateur thespians produced a musical burlesque on Saturday evening at the Catholic Union. There was not a very large attendance, but those who were present had no occasion to repent of it. Rather the reverse, indeed, for the entertainment was extremely amusing. Mr. F. da Costa Ribeiro had plenty of opportunities in the role of "Lio" and in every case he made the most of them, keeping the audience well amused while he was on the stage. All the performers worked up to each other well, thus ensuring an enjoyable entertainment; the success of which was due in large measure to the work done by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. S. Alves. Mr. Alves was stage manager, and Mrs. Alves (the only lady taking part) was musical director. The casts of characters was as follows:—

Sir William Burton "Foreign Advisor to the 'Lam Pak Hong' Court" Mr. F. Road Lictio
Captain Roberts of the "3rd Haaka" Light Brigade Mr. H. H. Remedios
Miss "Nancy" "Maid to Sir William's daughter" Miss "Charley" Alves
Wu Chow "Lam Pak Hong's G.O.M." Mr. C. H. Osmond
The Lady Kangaroo "a distant relative of Wu Chow" Miss "Luzia" D'Aquino
Pak Lou Fa "Miss 'Emilia' Barradas"
Mau Tan Fa "Garrados Alongo"
Tou Mei Fa "Sophie's Barradas"
Fu Yung Fa "Henrietta Tavaras"
Yut Kai Fa "Marie Gardner"
Chow Fu "Olga Tavaras"
Lou Fu "Mr. Geo. Osmond"
Maniu "Mr. E. Osmond"
Lou Si "Mr. A. Baptista"
Ko Fan Sergeant of "Wu Chow's Own" Mr. D. Prestage
Yan Hoy "Wu Chow's only daughter" Miss "Julia" Hyndman
Fu Hoy "The son of a colleague of Wu Chow" Mr. H. Hyndman
Lio "An Adventure" Mr. F. Costa Ribeiro

FINANCIAL CRISIS.

Collapse of a Chinese Bank.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

SHANGHAI, December 29.

A Cantonese Bank of the name of Tung Tak Chan has collapsed. The amount involved is estimated at several hundred thousand taels.

A Local Collapse.

The outlook of a revival of business with the Chinese for the year which is rapidly drawing to an end does not seem at all satisfactory. Following the financial crisis which was experienced in Northwang by the suspension of payment of a big Chinese merchant dealing in beans—in consequence of which the Chinese Government for the first time lent assistance to restore confidence by ordering the Bank of the Board of Revenue to appropriate a large sum of money to settle the crisis—a big collapse occurred at Shanghai, involving a sum of not less than seven hundred thousand taels and from the above cablegram it may be seen that another native Bank has suspended payment. The Bank in question may be a branch bank of Tung Tak Tai, of Hongkong, which failed the day before yesterday, and the sum of six hundred thousand dollars is reported to have been involved. This Bank, it may be mentioned, was financially supported by the late Lo Kau, a very wealthy Chinese merchant of Macao, who died a week or so ago, and it is surmised that his death was responsible for the firm's failure. Already three native banks at Macao, owned by this wealthy man, have closed since his death. Lo Kau has played a very prominent part in the Macao lottery business and his fortune, which is estimated at something like two million, is said to have been derived from that source. Money from gambling, as the Chinese say, is never associated with good luck, and in the present instance, it seems to be the case.

THE KWANGSI RIOT.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 29.

Chang Ming Chi, Governor of Kwangsi, has wired a report of a riot in Laug Shan.

The Linchuan Rebellion.

Lately there has been little said about the trouble that broke out some months ago in Linchuan. It appears, however, that it has resulted in much trouble and horrors to the innocent, as well as bloodshed on both sides amongst those who are directly engaged in the fray. The gentry of the districts concerned have conjointly sent in a memorial to the Viceroy of Canton pointing out the desolation that is following and that has followed the actions of the parties that are contending with one another. It is said that no less than sixty villages and market towns have been devastated. The memorial states that these towns have been burnt to the ground. Every kind of distress has followed the track of the combatants, and therefore something imperial must be done for the sufferers.

The memorialists, therefore, have appealed to the Viceroy to send some monetary assistance at once. His Excellency, apparently, has fallen in with the idea, and, though there is no definite sum promised, he will, we think, do something to assist those who are in such dire needs. Meanwhile he has issued orders to his subordinates to continue their work. He charges them with the duty of extinguishing the robbers. He complains that though they appear to be successful in gaining hold of a leader here and there, the robbers rather again, and seem to be as powerful as ever. They must, therefore, exert themselves more vigorously in order to put an end to the trouble—a task apparently more easily imposed than discharged.

Another Riot.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 29.

Another riot is reported at Shantung Province, the rioters covering several districts.

THE CAMERONS ARE COMING.

The Indian marine transport Hardings, with the 2nd Battalion, Cameron Highlanders, is expected to arrive on the 1st January.

THE CINEMATOPHORE.

The proprietors of the Hongkong Cinematograph announce that new films will be shown to-night, as the travelling agent for the Company is in Hongkong, with a fresh supply of films on the way to Shanghai. On Saturday evening the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity.

It is reported from Peking that the gentry and merchants of Anhui province have jointly asked the Ministry of Posts and Communications to allow them to loan H. E. Kwei Kuang-shan, an Anhui Director-General of the Anhui railway.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE ASIATIC QUESTION.

Riots in the U.S.A.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 28.

A paper published in Portland, Oregon, reports that a crowd of 1,500 Chinese wrecked the Oriental quarter of Lethbridge, Alberta.

The riot was occasioned owing to an unfounded report that a prominent citizen had been murdered in a Chinese restaurant.

A ROYAL GIFT.

The Kaiser's Appreciation.

(Exclusive service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 28.

The Kaiser and the Kaiserin have sent to the Lord Mayor of London and Lady Bell, as Christmas gifts, engraved portraits which are signed and framed.

MOROCCO.

General Druce's Successor.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 28.

General Damage has been placed in command of the French force at Morocco.

General Damage promptly asked for reinforcements, with a view to suppress the trouble in the Medina country.

PERSIA, GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, December 27.

The "Times" correspondent in St. Petersburg says that the leading journals unanimously approve of the Anglo-Russian pacificatory mission in Persia, and record with satisfaction the ensuing improvement of relations between the Shah and Melis.

A hope is expressed that a durable understanding will be reached.

THE STRIKE AT PORT SAID.

LONDON, December 27.

Lloyd's Agent at Port Said wires that in consequence of the strike the harbour is blocked with colliers, and colliers arriving after the 26th instant are obliged to anchor off the port.

A conference between the coal merchants and the strikers has proved abortive, the latter insisting on an increase of 5d. per ton of coal landed or shipped.

Nearly 100,000 tons are awaiting discharge.

ROYAL BETHROTHAL.

LONDON, December 27.

Princess Beatrice, daughter of the Duke of Edinburgh, is betrothed to Prince Alfonso of Bourbon.

CANADA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, December 27.

Ottawa reports that the Consul General has left for Tokyo.

It is believed that he has been recalled in connection with the immigration question.

THE FRENCH NAVY.

LONDON, December 28.

The French Senate has adopted the Navy estimates.

M. Thomson, replying to complaints about the falling back of France, said the position of the navy must be maintained, and that France must not cease to make sacrifices at the risk of falling to the fifth or sixth rank.

The numerous subscribers in the arctic insurance market, to the Japanese and Salomon Islands, which was organized during the war, received through the Consul-General of thanks, accompanied by next boxes containing liquor cups as tokens of the fund.

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Fifth Annual Meeting.

The fifth annual ordinary general meeting of the "South China Morning Post" Limited, was held in the Office of the National Bank of China, at 12.30 p.m. when there were present: Dr. J. W. Noble (chairman), Messrs. G. C. Moxon, H. Pinckney, J. Scott Harston, A. R. Lowe, and others.

The Chairman said—

"Gentlemen.—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, we will with your permission take them as read. The Directors regret the disappointing nature of the balance sheets placed before you for approval. These accounts, however, represent the true position of the company up to the 31st of August last. During the period under review, more especially during latter portion thereof, a class and earnest investigation was made by the board and many changes effected in nearly every branch of your business, necessitating the most drastic measures, entailing arduous labour on all concerned in the reformation. Changes in the staff were of course, inevitable, altered methods of conducting the business adopted, large sums set forth in the balance sheet written off, etc. The stocktaking has been very thorough and complete, useless material weeded out, the remaining portion revealed. Completed work was found which had been executed with the hope that it might some day be called for; this had been carried as 'stock.' As delivery could not be forced, legally or otherwise, a large portion of it was worthless and was consigned to the flames and 'written off.' Your metals have been weighed and credit taken only for that which was actually in stock; a system we think you will admit yields truthful results, it is unexceptionable. For months past no work has been executed unless on the written order of a firm or individual, former laxity and neglect of this precaution accounts for a loss of some thousands of dollars. Our present premises are more suitable for our purposes than any we have heretofore occupied, the rigid supervision which can now be exercised over the employees in all departments, situated on one floor, warrants us in assuming that the out-put should be considerably enhanced and greater satisfaction given owing to personal supervision by the General Manager under whose eye the work is now carried on. Your late General Manager, Mr. A. Cunningham, has presented a claim amounting to \$14,100 for salary as editor, in addition to his pay as General Manager. This claim we absolutely refused to recognise and scorned a compromise. A writ is now outstanding and the case will be tried in due course before the court for trial. You have struggled on patiently, supported by hope and borrowed money, for more than four years and we trust you will be patient yet a little longer and not abandon your hope, so long deferred. The future prospects are really not so gloomy as would appear from the accounts before you. We hope in the ensuing year to reap the benefit of the reforms inaugurated, and economies effected and to lay before you a balance sheet better than any you have had in the past, and one that will prove more to your satisfaction. Your auditor for some years past has spent much time and labour diligently surveilling the accounts that we might know our exact position. These accounts we now ask you to approve. Before, however, proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I would like to say that we have come here prepared with all the answers you wish to ask, which can be answered in public without detriment of the company's business. Before proposing answer questions.

No questions were put, and Dr. Noble said: There being no questions, gentlemen, I propose that the report and accounts, as set forth, be adopted.

Mr. T. Petrie seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: I am now in order to elect the directors for the ensuing year.

Mr. Petrie: I beg to move the re-election of Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs. G. C. Moxon, J. S. Harston, and H. Pinckney as directors for the year ending August 31, 1908.

Mr. G. T. Lloyd seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: This is all the business, gentlemen. I am sorry that I cannot say 'The dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.'

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory—

On the 30th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen over Central China, and risen in S. Japan.

The high pressure area is moving Eastwards and is now over the Yellow Sea.

Pressure remains low over N. Japan, and it is inclined to give way over the Philippines.

Gradients continue rather steep over S. China, and strong monsoon will continue to prevail in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. to E. winds, strong; cloudy, probably some rain.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

The English Mail of the 30th November was delivered in London on the 28th inst.

It is stated in a native Shanghai paper that the Peking Syndicate is willing to give up the mines in Shansi province in return for a sum of Tls. 7,000,000 as compensation.

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SPORTING.

Yachting.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

Yesterday the fifth Club race for the yachts of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was sailed under favourable weather conditions.

A fresh north east breeze prevailed and enabled the yachts to display their sailing powers. The course was from Police Pier round a mark boat off Cheung Hui (starboard), North Fairway Buoy (starboard), back to mark boat off Cheung Hui (starboard) and home to Police Pier.

In the Championship Class Dione and Vernon were first away, but Ailsa and Alannah, favoured by strong puffs, soon picked them up and for some distance the four boats were level. Dione by drawing out to windward established a slight lead and Vernon adopted like tactics and filled second place, and the mark boat was rounded by Dione first, followed by Vernon, Ailsa and Alannah in that order.

Dione tacked close round the mark, Vernon and Ailsa standing in together towards Chung Hui and going about close in shore. All three boats then stood on the port tack for the North Fairway Buoy and considerably outdistanced Alannah. Dione rather oversteered the buoy and rounded it to port and was bearing away again for Cheung Hui when she discovered her mistake. She then hauled her wind and went about, but Vernon, being close up, cut in and rounded first. Dione meanwhile retraced her steps and after passing again to windward of the mark bore away after Vernon, thus not complying with rule 52 which says: "Yachts must go fairly round the course rounding the series of marks in such a manner that the yacht's course from the preceding to the following mark must enclose it on the required side."

Vernon had profited by Dione's mistake and was now some slight distance in front and the mark boat was rounded for the second time with Vernon leading from Dione, Ailsa being third and Alannah well away fourth. The boat home was a magnificent race between Dione and Vernon. At one time it looked as if Dione was going to take the lead, but Vernon, sailing well, again out-paced her and as the line was neared it looked an easy win for her. However, a junk, one of the many beating up close to the finish, slightly fouled Vernon and this led Dione up considerably. Vernon eventually crossing the line 25 seconds ahead. Owing to Dione's mistake at the North Fairway Buoy she forfeits her marks in this race; Ailsa takes second marks, and Alannah third. The times were—

Vernon ... 2 23 16

Ailsa ... 2 23 41

Dione ... 2 27 10

Alannah ... 2 40 28

Vernon now leads in points with 10, Dione 16; Ailsa 13; and Alannah 3.

In the one-design class Colleen, Min, Bonito and Kathleen started, the first mentioned being first away. After a good run down to the mark boat Colleen rounded first, Min being second and Bonito third. Colleen and Min held on their course inshore, but Bonito and Kathleen rounded the mark and made for the fairway buoy, which could not be picked up owing to the drizzling rain. The wind was rather strong for the yachts and the occupants received several showers of spray. The yacht jibed round the buoy, Colleen being still ahead, with Kathleen next. The run down saw very little change in the positions of the yachts and on the beat home Colleen and Kathleen kept to the centre of the harbour, while Bonito and Min elected to keep inshore. Colleen crossed the finishing line first, with Kathleen second, Bonito third and Min last.

THE CORINTHIAN CLUB.

Yesterday afternoon the Corinthian Yacht Club held a race for the "Non-descript Cup" presented by Inspector Withers. The event was confined to cruisers and six yachts started from the Club-house at 10.30. The course was to Kowloon Dock (Starboard), Beacon (Starboard), Cust Rock (Starboard), Beacon (Starboard) and back to the Club. Dorothy (Mr. McCordquaine) was first over the line and retained command the whole way, finally winning from Carosa. The wind was fresh in the harbour and the yachts made good time. Doreen seemed to be in a fair position at one time during the race, but by going to the Hongkong shore instead of keeping up the harbour she dropped back and finished fourth. The New Year's cruise will be held on Wednesday next to Futchau and it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance.

FOOTBALL.

THE GARRISON LEAGUE.

The fixtures for this week are—

Date. Teams and Referee

Monday, 83 Co., R.G.A., v. Departmental. Cpl. Shute.

Tuesday, 87 Co., R.G.A., v. "A" Co., M. Co., M. Co., v. "G" Co.

Wednesday, "F" Co., M. Co., v. "G" Co., M. Co., v. "G" Co.

Thursday, 85 Co., R.G.A., v. 25th Co., R.E., v. 25th Co., R.E.

Friday, Departmental, v. 87 Co., R.G.A., v. 87 Co., R.G.A.

Saturday, 25th Co., R.E., v. "A" Co., R.Q.M.S. Thorp.

† Kick off at 2 p.m.; remainder at 3.45 p.m.

The results last week were—

88 Co., R.G.A., (3) v. 83 Co., R.G.A., (2).

"H" Co., 3rd Mx., v. Departmental (1).

87 Co., R.G.A., (2) v. 88 Co., R.G.A., (1).

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LEAGUE TABLE TO 21-12-07.

Goals.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

81 Co., Middlesex 9 8 1 22 5 10

82 Co., Middlesex 8 7 1 22 8 14

83 Co., R.G.A. 6 1 1 23 3 13

84 Co., R.G.A. 9 5 4 15 20 10

40 Co., R.E. 7 4 3 27 15 8

Departmental 9 4 5 11 29 8

85 Co., R.G.A. 9 1 8 13 37 6

86 Co., R.G.A. 7 2 5 14 18 4

87 Co., Middlesex 7 1 5 7 14 3

25 Co., R.E. 7 1 6 4 25 2

* Two forfeits.

The League Competition.

Victories to Civil Service and Telegraphs, at the expense of the Middlesex and Police respectively were the results of Saturday's League cricket, and Civil Service has regained the position at the top of the table, which is now as follows—

Teams.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Percentage.
Civil Service.	6	3	1	2	60.00	
Telegraphs.	6	4	2	0	33.33	
R. G. A.	7	4	2	1	33.33	
Departmental	7	4	3	0	14.28	
Police.	7	4	3	0	11.11	
Middlesex	7	3	4	0	14.28	
Kowloon	6	2	3	1	20.00	
H'kong "A"	6	1	4	1	16.66	
Total	48	28	18	2	112	

CIVIL SERVICE v. MIDDLESEX.

The batting of H. R. Phelps for Civil Service and the bowling of Barton (six for 20) were features of the match, which resulted in a win for the Civil Service.

The scores are—

CIVIL SERVICE.

P. T. Lambie, b. Sharp ... 0

F. A. Bide, c. Barton, b. Sharp ... 0

H. R. Phelps, c. Barton, b. Thompson ... 63

R. W. Welch, b. Barton ... 3

H. T. Jackson, b. Barton ... 17

P. R. Adams, c. Miles, b. Barton ... 0

A. Pile, b. Barton ... 3

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L. E. Brett, not out ... 4

E. Hogarth, c. Harford, b. Barton ... 0

F. Bacon, b. Barton ... 3

Sundries ... 3

Total ... 112

MIDDLESEX.

Major Stephenson, b. Wicheil ... 0

Capt. Thompson, c. b. Brett ... 30

D. Roberts, b. Brett ... 3

Sergt. Harford, b. Brett ... 15

Pto. Barton, c. Pile, b. Wicheil ... 0

Cpl. Miller, c. b. Wicheil ... 0

Cpl. Sharpe, b. Brett ... 0

Lieut. Macdonald, c. Phelps, b. Brett ... 0

Pto. Miles, not out ... 0

Lance-Corp. Heather, c. Lambie, b. Brett ... 0

Sundries ... 2

Total ... 70

BOWLING.

Sharp ... 0. 8. 0. 30. 2.

Kerr ... 16.3. 6. 30. 6.

Clon ... 4. 0. 23. 0.

Capt. Thompson ... 5. 0. 29. 2.

Total ... 54

BOWLING.

Wicheil ... 0. 11. 2. 45. 3.

Brett ... 10.3. 2. 45. 6.

Total ... 112

POLICE v. TELEGRAPHS.

The Telegraphs defeated the Police by 31 runs, Peak's bowling being deadly.

The scores are—

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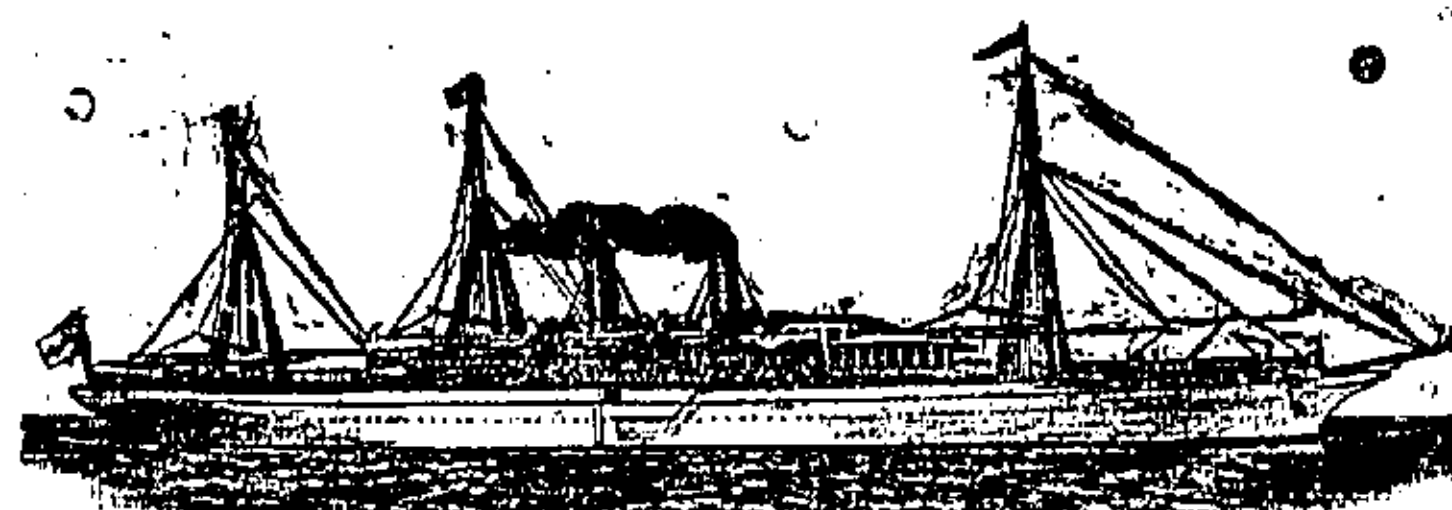
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MARSHALLS, LONDON, via MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, SUEZ AND PORT SAID	CEYLON MARU	MONDAY, 6th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C., and S.E. U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOREA & YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU	TUESDAY, 7th Jan., at 4 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	WAKASA MARU	WEDNESDAY, 8th Jan., at Daylight, 1908.
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	KAWACHI MARU	SATURDAY, 11th Jan., at Daylight.
SHANGHAI, MOI & KOBE	RAGSHEIMA MARU	THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., at 4 p.m.
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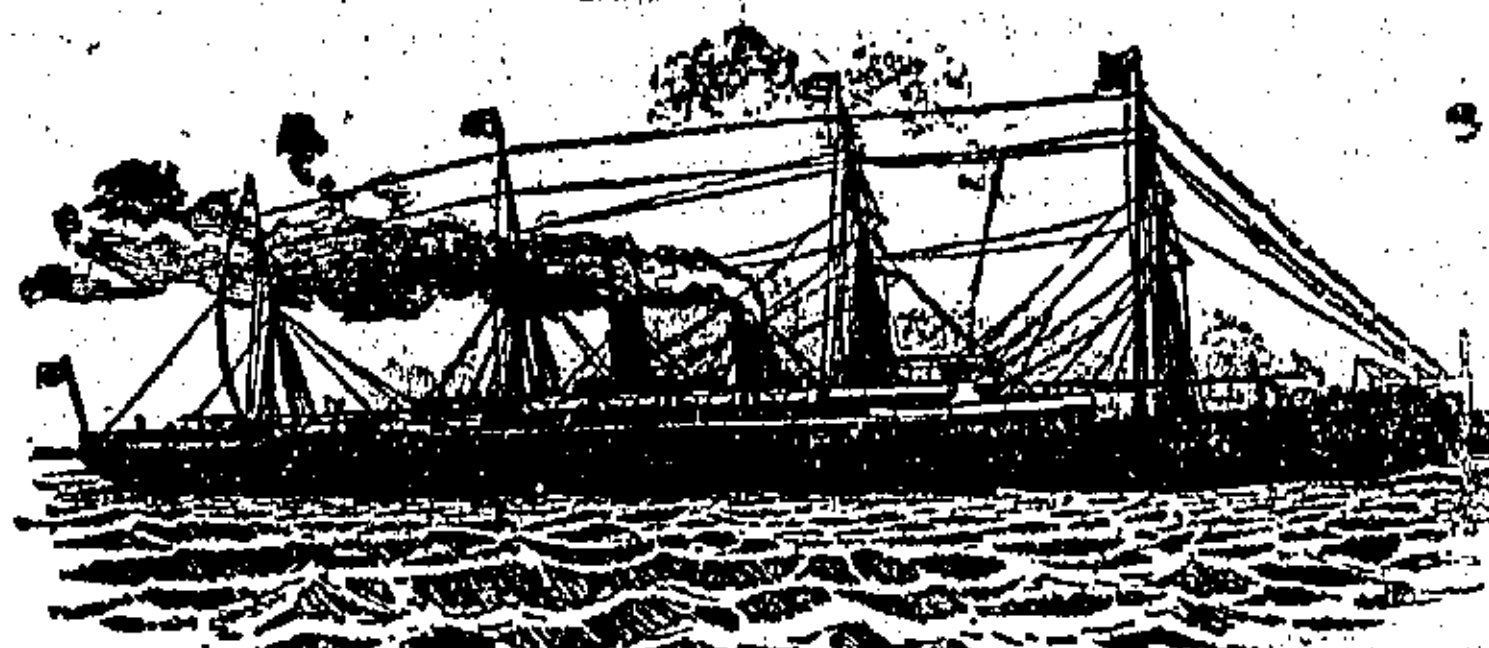
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"A PRUSSIAN GENERAL."

Forbidden Military Novel.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Globe" writes on Nov. 4:—The authorities have just forbidden the publication of a military novel entitled "A Prussian General," and which was to have been published soon by a firm at Brunswick. The military journals announce that the author of this highly sensational work is a young captain serving with the recruiting office in a manufacturing region in Westphalia, and that he was quarantined recently at Metz, and that he belongs to a noble family, which is connected with the Krupp family at Essen. The scene of the novel is laid at Metz, and several Prussian generals are depicted with such scrupulous accuracy that the publication of the work would lead to the outbreak of a huge scandal. In view of the "Moltke-Harden trial the authorities do not wish for any further revelations just at present.

THE LIANGKIANG AGITATION.

An Opinion from Japan.

The popular agitation against the English ownership of railways in Liangkiang provinces impresses the "Jiji" as a remarkable instance of the possibility of strong concerted action among the Chinese over questions of interest to them. But this harmony among them rests primarily on the prevailing conviction among the people of these provinces that the railway is a profitable business and should be undertaken by themselves. A justifiable motive in itself, sense of gain has, however, carried them beyond the bounds of reason, when they propose the nullification of a provisional contract with an English firm, which has gone the length of withdrawing its active control of the lines, but simply furnishes the requisite funds. It involves violation of international faith and would be extremely mischievous upon transactions of a similar nature in future. The paper is desirous of the authorities taking a decided step against this erroneous application of public opinion.

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